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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Ref: FOI 2623**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding public health funerals.

The Trust can provide the following information:

**1. Does the trust refer deceased's estates to the Government Legal Department (GLD), QLTR, NUHU, Duchy of Cornwall or Duchy of Lancaster (Farrer & Co), and what does this information entail?**

Yes, the Trust refer cases to the Treasury Solicitor

**2. Who refers this information? (Please provide a name, contact address & telephone number / email address)**

The Chief Cashier is responsible for referring cases to Treasury Solicitor.

When responding to FOI requests, the Trust does not normally release the names of employees below Director Level. If you wish to contact the staff member mentioned, please do so through our main switchboard and ask for the person by above job role. The Homerton Hospital Switchboard Number is: 0208 510 5555

**3. Within the last 6 months, of the cases where details have been referred to the Government Legal Department (GLD), QLTR, NUHU, Duchy of Cornwall or Duchy of Lancaster (Farrer & Co), please provide the following details:**

- Name of the deceased
- Maiden name (if applicable)
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Date of death
- Place of death
- Last known address
- Marital status of the deceased
- If a widow or widower, the name and date of death of spouse

In the last six month the Trust has not referred any cases to the Treasury Solicitor

**4. Does the trust attempt to search for family members of the deceased?**

Yes

**5. How long does the trust spend searching for this information?**

The Trust cannot provide a definite time on searching for family members as each case is different but on average it can be months before concluding there is no family.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk) , in the first instance. If following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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